THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) During 1990-91 about 33.02 million tonne (MMT) crude oil and 49.5 MMT products were produced in the country. Total consumption in 1990-91 was 54.77 MMT. For 1991-92 import of about 19.6 MMT crude oil and 9.6 MMT products has been approved at present.

(d) No, Sir.

Vayudoot Services

1828. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed the Vayudoot to operate on all the existing routes to cater to the passengers needs;

(b) whether most of the pilots had left the services of Vayudoot and joined other airlines;

(c) whether the existing aircraft are economically viable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) On the current fare structure and costs of Vayudoot, the operations of Vayudoot are not economically viable. The break-even load factor of the aircraft in its fleet is far above 100%. For example, the per hour revenue of a Dornier aircraft is estimated to be about Rs. 5500 while the per hour expenditure is estimated to be about Rs. 13,000.

[*Translation*]

Pilferage of Coal in Samastipur Division

1829. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on May 8, 1990 to the Unstarred Question No. 7833 regarding theft of coal in Samastipur Division, and state:

(a) the steps being taken to prevent the pilferage of coal at Jayanagar, Kahjauli, Nirmali, Sakari and Darbhanga stations under Samastipur Division of North Eastern Railway and result thereof; and

(b) the measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) As a result of preventive measures taken by the North Eastern Railway, 6 cases of pilferage of coal valued at Rs. 2165 were detected during 1990-91 by RPF, in which 8 persons including 2 Railway employees were arrested at Darbhanga, Jayanagar and Nirmali Railway Stations.

The following measures are being taken to prevent thefts of coal at these stations:—

1. Intensive beat patrolling in the yards and other vulnerable sections.

2. Crime Intelligence staff is deployed to collect information about thieves and receivers of stolen coal and raids are organised to detect stolen coal.

3. Surprise checks are being conducted in vulnerable sections and bad spots to catch the criminals.

4. Dog Squads are also deployed for preventive and detective duties.

5. Close co-ordination between the RPF and GRP is maintained at various levels to deal with criminals and receivers of stolen coal.